I'm finding it difficult to understand the reasoning behind preventing satellite radio from offering traffic and weather updates for local metropolitan areas. Not only do satellite subscribers represent a small portion of the market, but it seems to me that limiting that type of programming to the existing media giants only encourages the virulently poor programming that litters the commercial airwaves.

Basically, this amounts to protectionism. If Clearchannel and the other media giants want to compete with satellite programming, then let them compete in good faith on content, not lobbying dollars.